



Q&A

How Do You Tie the 45-foot Line for Long Line Driving?

To tie, use the halter knot. Make a “U” right near the end of the 45-foot Line and push it through the loop at the bottom of the halter. Poke the tail of the 45-foot Line through the “U,” pull it snug, and you have a knot just like the one that you use to tie your halter.

The best information and education on long line driving is in the new Liberty & Horse Behavior “course-in-a-box.” There’s also some in the Level 3 Program, ground skills section.

I would suggest that you are well into Level 3, ‘On Line’ Savvy, and ideally completed it before you start this with your horse. Being in Zone 5, especially with two reins can become claustrophobic for the inadequately prepared horse.

The steps to teaching your horse to long line:

1. Make sure your one rein driving is really good in all five Zones. You want to do a lot of this before going to two reins, otherwise you end up micro managing too much with the two reins. For more details, see the Liberty and Horse Behavior “course-in-a-box.”
2. Move to two 22-foot Lines so that if anything goes wrong you can use one rein and bend to a stop. Bring Zone 1 towards you so that Zone 5 moves away.
3. The next step will be to use the 45-foot Line. Do this only when you are sure steps one and two are going really well. Before going to the 45-foot Line you want to be very confident in you and your horse’s ability. For the same reasons, I would suggest that you are in a confined area when you start each of these steps.

Have fun and enjoy! Long lining is a lot of fun! 🐾